

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION VII**

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SUBJECT: Former Syntex Facility - Verona, Missouri Site Visit
Final Inspection for Operable Unit One.

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On January 22, 1997, Steven Sanders visited the former Syntex Facility¹ in Verona, Missouri (the site) to conduct a final inspection of the completed activities for operable unit one (OU 1). I had performed an inspection of the activities on November 12, 1997 and this visit was to assure all outstanding activities were completed.

On Thursday, I traveled to Verona, Missouri to visit the Site. I arrived at the Site at approximately 11:00 AM, where I met with Jerry Foster with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and Nancy Luxton with Syntex Agribusiness, Inc. (Syntex). The three of us then conducted an inspection of those outstanding activities identified from the November 12, 1997 inspection (see November 14, 1997 memorandum from Steven Sanders to the file).

The remaining activities for completion of the remedial action for OU 1 were the final decontamination of a small area on the floor of the building located in the Spill/Irrigation area and the placement of the asphalt cap over the area of soil removal in the Spill area.

The three of us first inspected area of soil removal in the Spill area. All dioxin and PCB contaminated materials had been excavated and removed and the area was backfilled with clean fill dirt prior to the November 12 inspection. This inspection revealed that a new asphalt cap had been placed over the area of excavation as well as a large area surrounding it, including the former gravel drive area along the spill/irrigation area. The asphalt was in excellent condition.

The treatment building was then inspected. All of the decontamination work was completed and the areas sampled and found to be non-detect for dioxin. The building was in excellent condition. A few drums of purge water from the ground water sampling were stored in

¹ The facility is now owned by DuCoa L.P. (DuCoa), a limited partnership between DuPont and Con Agra. DuCoa purchased the facility from Syntex in 1996.

this building as well as two drums of used oil from the forklifts and backhoes used in completing the excavation activities.

This completed the inspection for OU1. All activities as outlined in the 1988 Record of Decision were satisfactorily completed. I left the site at approximately 12:15 PM and returned to Kansas City that afternoon.

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